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RESPONSE

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed October 24, 2000 (Paper No. 21), please consider the following amendments and remarks. A Petition to extend the time for response to April 24, 2001 is filed herewith.

Amendment

In the claims:

Please amend claims 12, 24, 26, 28, 32, 35, 40, 41, 43, 44 and 49-51 as follows:

12. (Twice amended) Non-human mammalian embryonic stem cells containing a nucleic acid construct comprising a mammalian germline-specific promoter operatively associated with a recombinase coding sequence, wherein the nucleic acid construct is in the genome of the stem cells and wherein the recombinase is not expressed in the stem cells in cell culture.